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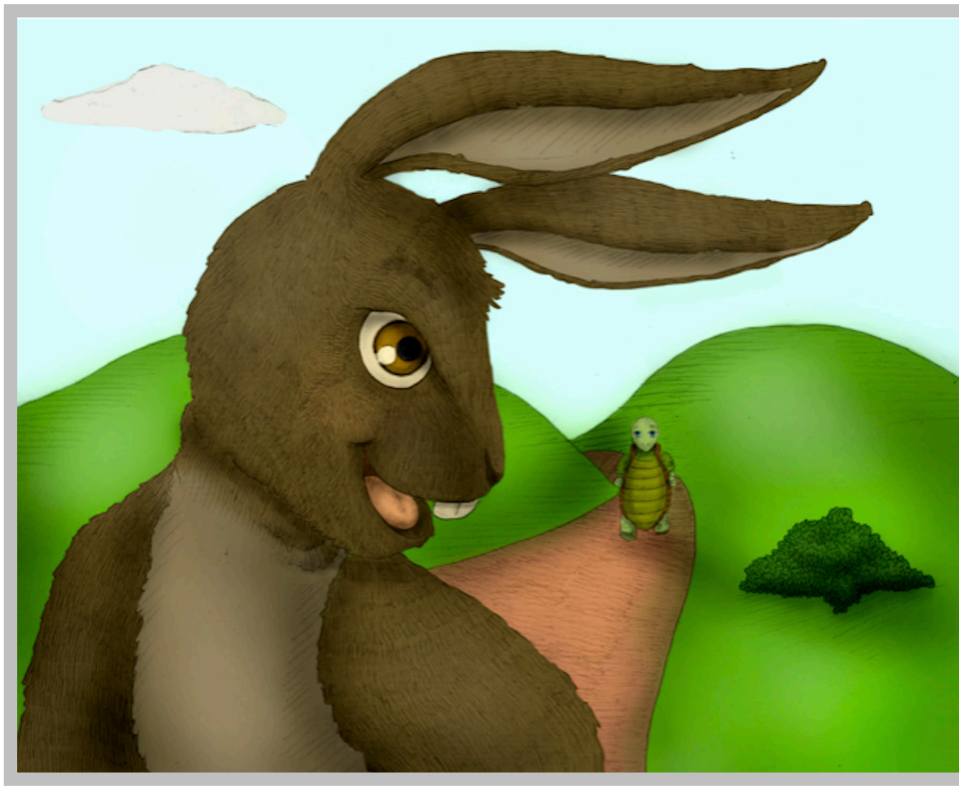
By chance a Tortoise and a Hare,
They met one day upon the road.
The Tortoise moved with steady easy,
The Hare was fast and never slow!



The Hare ran swiftly by the Tortoise,
without a single worldly care.
"It's a pleasure now to meet you,"
Said the all excited, Mr. Hare.

"I'll bet you'll never get to town,
for you are surely mighty slow,"
Mr. Hare said to Mr. Tortoise,
"I'll race you there, come on let's go!"

"It's true you're fast, while I am slow,
And I am sure you'll win the cake.
The Tortoise coughed from all the dust,
The conceited Hare left in his wake.

And so the Tortoise and the Hare,
Continued down the winding path.
The Hare ran at a nifty pace,
While the creeping Tortoise followed last.

"The day is hot," said Mr. Hare,
I'm parched and need to take a rest."
And there the Hare laid in the shade,
His paws placed calmly on his chest.

How slow and steady he did walk,
Towards town the Tortoise moved along.
He finally passed the sleeping Hare,
Who snored extremely loud and strong.

And just at dusk the Hare awoke,
And heard the chirping of the birds,
"Oh no," said he, in great protest,
But just the birds could hear his words.

The Hare jumped up and like a shot,
Proceeded to the end of town,
Just as the Tortoise crossed the line.
The Hare just gasped . . . . AAH,
And looked around.

The people laughed at Mr. Hare,
And praised the Tortoise very high.
For talk is cheap and actions count,
That no one surely can deny.

How Mr. Hare just cried and cried,
Just because the Tortoise won.
"Oh what say you?" the Tortoise asked,
"I think this was a lot of fun!"

It's not about the speed you see,
Or your accelerated pace.
Stick to the task you undertake,
For . . . slow and steady wins the race!

BOOO. WHOOOOOOOOO!

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The End

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Aesop

It is said that Aesop was an ancient Greek story teller. He is believed to have been a slave originally brought from Ethiopia, though the truth of his origin is not truly known and often a topic for scholars. He used nature to teach lessons of life, a moral, with short colorful stories.

The genre of early childhood reading lends itself to repetitive vocabulary often in rhyme– an early reading strategy still used today.

I have taken some of my favorites and written them in verse for young enjoyment and possibly lessons learned. I truly hope you enjoy them.

Robin Gilmor- RFG

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ROBIN GILMOR: is a retired teacher who always loved children's books and fairy tales.

They have been her main focus for over 50 years. A mother of three and grandmother of nine, she finds her best audience for story ideas from her grandchildren. Robin lives in Maryland with her husband and german shepherd. She has written over 100 stories for children which she has decided to share.

Look for more stories by ROBIN GILMOR, that will be coming out soon.

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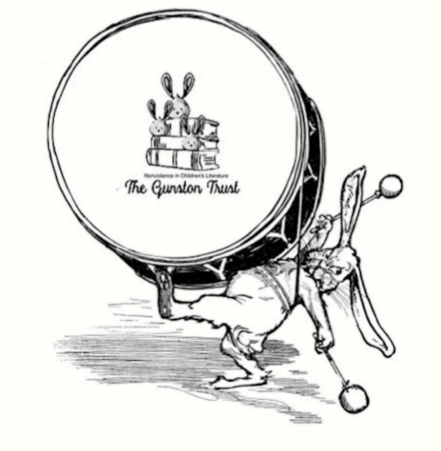
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